

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

**On page 15 of the specification, replace the paragraph beginning on the line numbered 1 and ending on the line numbered 3 with the following paragraph:**

The message format illustrated in FIG. 4 includes a service provider element **405**, a sender's ID element **410**, a password element **415**, a destination element **420**, a message filed field **425**, a message type element **430**, a schedule element **435**, and a message format element **440**.

**On page 18 of the specification, replace the paragraph beginning on the line numbered 18 and ending on the line numbered 23 with the following paragraph:**

The error cause element **525**, identified by the "ErrCause" name in Table 3, may contain an indication of the component that is the cause of an error. For example, if the user's password in the original short message was invalid, the error cause element **525** can indicate the Client as the cause of the error. In another example, if the SMSC of the service provider returns a response to the web service indicating failure of the delivery of the message, the error cause element **525** may indicate the SMSC as the cause.

**On page 20 of the specification, replace the paragraph beginning on the line numbered 21 and ending on page 21 on the line numbered 2 with the following paragraph:**

If a determination is made at query operation **625** that the message should be allowed, send operation **630**, at the scheduled time or immediately if no scheduled time is indicated, sends the short message to the SMSC of the destination mobile device's service provider for delivery to the mobile device. Generate operation **635** then generates response such as an XML file following the schema listed in Table 3 above indicating success or failure of the message along with appropriate return codes, error codes, and error messages and sends the response to the client system.

**On page 24 of the specification, replace the paragraph beginning on the line numbered 9 and ending on the line numbered 15 with the following paragraph:**

Finally, optional notification operation **915** notifies the user of the success or failure of the message queued based on the response data. This operation is ~~option~~optional since, in some cases, a notification may not be desired. For example, if the message was successfully placed into the transmission queue of the SMSC, no notification may be given. In other cases, all responses may prompt notification of the user. The notification may be in the form of opening a window or other user interface element to inform the user of the success or failure of the message. The notification may include return codes, error codes, and/or error messages from the response.